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I wish to register my concern at your proposed change in food labeling practice.

I am a consumer of local as well as US food products stocked by our resellers such as Costco, Safeway, etc. It is essential for me and other like-minded health conscious customers to have a choice to pick products deemed safer by us for use. Food labeling give me the information to make an informed choice, ^{whether} ~~be~~ my concerns be as a result of health (allergic, antibiotic resistant, carcinogenic), ethical(species-transgenic), religious(vegetarian) reasons in choosing or not choosing irradiated or, pesticide-free, non-genetic muted, allergy-free products.

I realize that many products with additives or processing changes show negative or minuscule side effects through testing. Unfortunately, nobody can foresee the possible long-term effects of such products. Some harmful effects take years to show up as in the products PCB(1940-1960), breast-implants, DDT, Redux to name a few. Don't you think that the least your organization can ensure is to let consumers choose for themselves what risks they would be willing to take by having the necessary content information included on labels.

I know it is difficult to satisfy all concerned such as the food and chemical companies on the one hand and the health and ecological watchdog groups on the other, but I do believe your organization's paramount mandate and objective is the health and well being of the consumers at large.

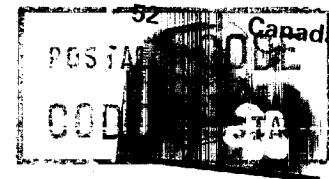
Thank you for giving my concerns some consideration.

Yours truly, Victor Toy.

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